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In re Patent Application of:  
J. Stuart Cumming

Application No.: 09/574,441

Group Art Unit: 3738

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Examiner: D. Willse

For: LENS ASSEMBLY FOR DEPTH OF FOCUS

**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions for a three month extension of time to and including February 23, 2003 to respond to the Office Action mailed August 23, 2002.

In the event that a further petition for an extension of time is required to be submitted at this time, applicant hereby petitions under 37 CFR 1.136(a) for an extension of time for as many months as are required to ensure that the above-identified application does not become abandoned.

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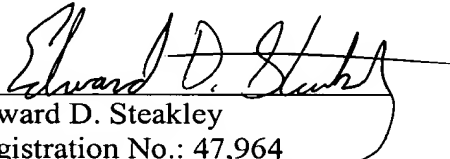
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Our check in the amount of \$465.00 covering the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(a)(3) is enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 06-2375, under Order No. HO-P02090US0.

Dated: JANUARY 13, 2003

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